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FOR EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

E.O.11652:GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP MEETING MARCH 28

REF: (A) USUN 1046, (B) STATE 77913, (C) USUN 1095

1. CONTACT GROUP MET AM MARCH 28 TO CLARIFY REMAINING
POINTS REGARDING PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL. BASED
ON AGREEMENT REACHED REF (A) (TO WHICH ALL CG CAPITALS
HAVE NOW AGREED) BRITISH PRODUCED EXPANDED DRAFT TALK-
ING POINTS (DATAFAXED TO DEPT. ATTN: ESCUDERO IO/UNP)
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ON WITHDRAWAL LANGUAGE FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CG.
TALKING POINTS AGREED TO BY THE CG ARE REPEATED PARAS
4-5 BELOW.

2. THE FRENCH REPORTED, MUCH TO THE SURPRISE OF THE CG,
THAT THEIR EMBASSY IN LUANDA PRESENTED THE PROPOSAL ON
MARCH 27. THE FRENCH REP HERE HAD NO EXPLANATION AS TO

WHY THE PROPOSAL WAS PRESENTED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.
REGARDING THE QUESTION OF A BUFFER ZONE ON THE ANGOLAN
SIDE OF THE BORDER WITH NAMIBIA, THE FRENCH WERE TOLD
THAT "IT IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION."

3. WITH REGARD TO CHANGES IN DRAFT TEXTS SUGGESTED
REF (B), THE CG AGREED THAT THE TALKING POINTS FOR
SWAPO SHOULD REMAIN AS REVISED REF (C). IN THE COVER
LETTER FOR SOUTH AFRICA, THE CG AGREED TO CHANGE THE
THIRD SENTENCE OF PARA 12 TO READ: "WE HOPE, HOWEVER,
THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER OUR PROPOSAL AS A WHOLE VERY
SERIOUSLY INDEED; WE URGE YOU TO ACCEPT IT AND IN ANY
CASE NOT REJECT IT OUT OF HAND."

4. "TALKING POINTS FOR SOUTH AFRICA"

- "(WE HAVE ALREADY EXPLAINED TO MR. FOURIE THAT)
WE ARE UNABLE TO CHANGE OUR PROPOSAL ON THE QUESTION
OF THE DATE OF WITHDRAWAL OF THE RESIDUAL SOUTH AFRICAN
FORCE. WE DID CONSIDER CAREFULLY VARIOUS FORMULAE IN-
CLUDING THOSE WHICH WOULD HAVE GIVEN THE CONSTITUENT
ASSEMBLY, OR ANY TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT THAT IS FORMED,
A SAY IN THE MATTER. OUR DIFFICULTIES ARE TWOFOLD.
FIRST, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS OFTEN CALLED FOR
THE COMPLETE AND IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN
TROOPS. WE THINK WE HAVE ACHIEVED A GREATER UNDER-
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STANDING INTERNATIONALLY OF SOUTH AFRICA'S POSITION,
BUT WE RISK LOSING THAT UNDERSTANDING IF WE GIVE OTHER
COUNTRIES A PRETEXT FOR ARGUING THAT WE ARE IN FACT
SEEKING TO NEGOTIATE THE PERMANENT MAINTENANCE OF SOUTH
AFRICAN TROOPS IN NAMIBIA.

3.A THE CG AGREED THAT THE COVEEING LETTEES AND
MESSAGES SHOULD BE SENT "GOVERNMENT TO GOVEENMENT"
ACCOMPANIED BY A BRIEF TRANSMITTAL NOTE SIGNED BY THE
FIVE AMBASSADORS.

- "SECONDLY, WE ARE NOT CONVINCED THAT AN AMENDMENT
TO OUR PROPOSAL (E.G., THAT THE MATTER BE LEFT TO THE
CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TO DECIDE) WOULD NECESSARILY BE IN
SOUTH AFRICA'S OWN INTERESTS. FOR EXAMPLE, OUR PRO-
POSAL ASSUMES THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF THE
ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL AND OF HIS OFFICIALS THROUGH
TO INDEPENDENCE. WHAT IF SWAPO WON A MAJORITY IN THE
CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, AND THEN SOUGHT THE ADMINIS-
TRATOR-GENERAL'S IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL?

- "WE HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT THE CONSTI-
TUENT ASSEMBLY MAY EXPRESS THEIR OPINION ON THE QUES-
TION OF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES AND WE SHALL SAY THE SAME

IN PRESENTING OUR PROPOSAL TO THE OTHER PARTIES."

5. (FOLLOWING MUST BE USED WITH SWAPO AND THE FRONT-LINE STATES):

- "TALKING POINTS FOR SWAPO AND THE FRONT-LINE STATES"

- WE NOW WISH TO RAISE AN IMPORTANT MATTER WITH YOU. OUR PROPOSAL CALLS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE RESIDUAL SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE A WEEK AFTER THE CERTIFICATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION FOR THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. THE SOUTH AFRICANS AND SOME OF THE INTERNAL PARTIES

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FOR EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

- NOT ONLY THE TURNHALLE - HAVE ARGUED THAT THIS IS A DECISION THAT SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE NEW NAMIBIAN GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE TOLD THE SOUTH AFRICANS THAT WE DO NOT INTEND TO AMEND OUR PROPOSAL, BECAUSE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY ARGUE THAT IN DOING SO WE

WOULD BE SEEKING TO NEGOTIATE THE PERMANENT MAINTEN-
ANCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS IN NAMIBIA. THIS IS NOT
OUR INTENTION. WE ACKNOWLEDTE, HOWEVER, THAT THE
CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY MAY EXPRESS THEIR OPINION ON THE
QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES, AND WE HAVE SAID SO
TO SOUTH AFRICA." LEONARD
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